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SUMMARY OF REVISIONS: This procedural directive supersedes NWSM 50-5116 dated August 6, 2003. The following revisions were made:

(1) Section 1, Hazardous Materials Storage: Made editorial changes to synopsis and checklist clarifying SPCC plan review and radiosonde water disposal requirements. Expanded paragraph 1.8.1 to provide additional information on SPCC plan review. Revised 1.8.2 to clarify oil storage tank integrity testing requirements. Clarified the requirement for use of Professional Engineer when technical amendments to SPCC plan are necessary (Checklist, 1.8.1). Provided further clarification regarding the handling of radiosonde battery activation water disposal (1.9.5). Added a Note to paragraph 1.9.5 to reference WSOH-10, Appendix D (Radiosonde Preparation Instructions).

(2) Section 2, Management of Waste: Replaced a template for SPCC Best Management Practices plan with a complete version (Attachment A). Added reference to NWS PD 50-51, Environmental Compliance (2.13.2). Changed paragraph 2.9.2 to clarify Regional Coordinators and/or NOAA Regional Environmental Compliance Officer (RECO) must be contacted in regard to State specific hazardous waste rules.

(3) Section 3, Transportation of Hazardous Materials and Waste: Paragraph 3.5.2 was expanded to clarify applicability of DOT regulations to the NWS.

(4) Section 4, Emergency Reporting: Editorial changes were made to paragraph 4.5 to clarify that it references an Extremely Hazardous Chemicals (EHS) list.

(5) Section 9, Procurement: Paragraph 9.7 provides information clarifying the intent of Attachment A, EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines.

(6) Section 11, Asbestos: The changes were made to clarify the role of NWS in development of Asbestos Removal Plan (Initial Implementation Requirements and 11.6). Friable and non-friable asbestos definitions were removed from paragraph 11.5.1. Requirements for filing Asbestos

Removal Plan and submitting notification prior to asbestos removal were changed to address State regulatory agency (Checklist, 11.6.1, 11.6.2) requirements. Paragraph 11.5.2 was modified to emphasize the requirements to contact NOAA RECO and/or NOAA Regional Safety Manager (RSM) as soon as the presence of asbestos containing materials is suspected.

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